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**Burying the Cost** — President Fidel Castro has had to resort to macabre measures to hide from the Cuban people the price they're paying for the dictator's foreign adventures.

One way to cover up the grim reality, according to secret Defense Intelligence Agency reports, has been the use of graveyards in Angola. Dead Cuban "volunteers" are buried there,

avoiding the publicity that would attend their shipment back home.

As for Cuban wounded, the DIA said, "the practice is to send their casualties to hospitals in Eastern Europe rather than back to Cuba for hospitalization."

With tight control over the media, Castro is able to prevent the population at large from learning the extent of Cuban losses overseas. The only publicity accorded the Cuban soldiers or advisers killed in combat abroad is when an individual death can be exploited for political propaganda.

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